

## **GAMING MACHINE HAVING AN AWARD-TRADING SCHEME**

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

The present invention is a gaming machine having an award-trading scheme and a method for conducting the award-trading scheme. The method includes receiving a wager to play the wagering base game and detecting a winning outcome to the wagering base game, and providing a first award option to a player of the wagering base game, where the first award option is displayed on a video display of the gaming machine. The method also includes precluding the player from receiving the winning credits and awarding the first award option to the player in response to the first award option being exercised by the player. The method further includes providing a second award option in response to the first award option not being exercised by the player. The first and second award options can include credits and free game play, to name a few.